

## A Service of Morning Prayer August 3, 2025



Blessed are the poor in spirit, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven. Matthew 5:3

### CP 529 God, My Hope On You Is Founded

1 God, my hope on you is founded,  
you my faith and trust renew;  
through all change and chance you guide me,  
only good and only true.  
God unknown, you alone  
call my heart to be your own.

2 Human pride and earthly glory,  
sword and crown, betray our trust;  
though with care and toil we build them,  
tower and temple fall to dust.  
but your power, hour by hour  
is my temple and my tower.

3 Daily does the almighty Giver  
bounteous gifts on us bestow;  
God's desire for us delights us  
pleasure leads us where we go.  
Here at hand, love takes stand,,  
joy awaits God's sure command.

4 God's great goodness lasts forever,  
deepest wisdom, passing thought;  
splendour, light, and life attending,  
beauty springing out of naught.  
Evermore from God's store  
newborn worlds rise and adore.

5 Still from earth to God eternal  
sacrifice of praise be done,  
high above all praises praising  
for the gift of Christ the Son.  
Christ, you call one and all;  
those who follow shall not fall.

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ,  
And the love of God,  
And the fellowship of the Holy Spirit,  
Be with you all.

**And also with you.**

May his grace and peace be with you.  
**May he fill our hearts with joy.**

Almighty God,  
**To you all hearts are open,  
 All desires known,  
 And from you no secrets are hidden.  
 Cleanse the thoughts of our hearts  
 By the inspiration of your Holy Spirit,  
 That we may perfectly love you,  
 And worthily magnify your holy name;  
 Through Christ our Lord. Amen.**

Psalm 107:1-9, 43

*Refrain: The Lord is the strength of his people.*

107:1 O give thanks to the LORD, for he is good, for his steadfast love endures forever.  
 107:2 Let the redeemed of the LORD say so, those he redeemed from trouble  
 107:3 and gathered in from the lands, from the east and from the west, from the north and from the south.  
 107:4 Some wandered in desert wastes, finding no way to an inhabited town;  
 107:5 hungry and thirsty, their soul fainted within them.  
 107:6 Then they cried to the LORD in their trouble, and he delivered them from their distress;  
 107:7 he led them by a straight way, until they reached an inhabited town.  
 107:8 Let them thank the LORD for his steadfast love, for his wonderful works to humankind.  
 107:9 For he satisfies the thirsty, and the hungry he fills with good things.  
 107:43 Let those who are wise pay attention to these things and consider the steadfast love of the LORD.

A Reading from Hosea 11:1-11

11:1 When Israel was a child, I loved him, and out of Egypt I called my son.  
 11:2 The more I called them, the more they went from me; they kept sacrificing to the Baals and offering incense to idols.  
 11:3 Yet it was I who taught Ephraim to walk; I took them up in my arms, but they did not know that I healed them.  
 11:4 I led them with cords of human kindness, with bands of love. I was to them like those who lift infants to their cheeks. I bent down to them and fed them.  
 11:5 They shall return to the land of Egypt, and Assyria shall be their king, because they have refused to return to me.  
 11:6 The sword rages in their cities; it consumes their oracle priests and devours because of their schemes.  
 11:7 My people are bent on turning away from me. To the Most High they call, but he does not raise them up at all.  
 11:8 How can I give you up, Ephraim? How can I hand you over, O Israel? How can I make you like Admah? How can I treat you like Zeboiim? My heart recoils within me; my compassion grows warm and tender.  
 11:9 I will not execute my fierce anger; I will not again destroy Ephraim, for I am God and not mortal, the Holy One in your midst, and I will not come in wrath.

11:10 They shall go after the LORD, who roars like a lion; when he roars, his children shall come trembling from the west.

11:11 They shall come trembling like birds from Egypt and like doves from the land of Assyria, and I will return them to their homes, says the LORD.

The Word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

### CP 375 At the Name of Jesus

1 At the Name of Jesus every knee shall bow,  
every tongue confess him King of glory now;  
'tis the Father's pleasure we should call him  
Lord,  
who from the beginning was the mighty Word.

2 Humbled for a season to receive a name  
from the lips of sinners unto whom he came,  
faithfully he bore it spotless to the last,  
brought it back victorious when from death he  
passed;

3 Name him, Christians, name him, with love  
strong as death,  
but with awe and wonder, and with bated  
breath;  
he is God the Saviour, he is Christ the Lord,  
ever to be worshipped, trusted, and adored.

4 In your hearts enthrone him; there let him  
subdue  
all that is not holy, all that is not true;  
crown him as your Saviour in temptation's hour;  
let his will enfold you in its light and power.

5 Christians, this Lord Jesus shall return again,  
with his Father's glory, with his angel train;  
for all wreaths of empire meet upon his brow,  
and our hearts confess him King of Glory now.

### A Reading from Colossians 3:1-11

3:1 So if you have been raised with Christ, seek the things that are above, where Christ is, seated at the right hand of God.

3:2 Set your minds on the things that are above, not on the things that are on earth,

3:3 for you have died, and your life is hidden with Christ in God.

3:4 When Christ who is your life is revealed, then you also will be revealed with him in glory.

3:5 Put to death, therefore, whatever in you is earthly: sexual immorality, impurity, passion, evil desire, and greed (which is idolatry).

3:6 On account of these the wrath of God is coming on those who are disobedient.

3:7 These are the ways you also once followed, when you were living that life.

3:8 But now you must get rid of all such things: anger, wrath, malice, slander, and abusive language from your mouth.

3:9 Do not lie to one another, seeing that you have stripped off the old self with its practices

3:10 and have clothed yourselves with the new self, which is being renewed in knowledge according to the image of its creator.

3:11 In that renewal there is no longer Greek and Jew, circumcised and uncircumcised, barbarian, Scythian, enslaved and free, but Christ is all and in all!

The Word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

CP 577 God of Grace and God of Glory

1 God of grace and God of glory, on your people pour your power;  
 now fulfil your church's story; bring its bud to glorious flower,  
 Grant us wisdom, grant us courage,  
 for the facing of this hour, for the facing of this hour.

2 Lo, the hosts of evil round us scorn your Christ, assail his ways.  
 Fears and doubts too long have bound us; free our hearts to work and praise.  
 Grant us wisdom, grant us courage,  
 for the living of these days, for the living of these days.

3 Cure your children's warring madness. Bend our pride to your control.  
 Shame our wanton selfish gladness, rich in goods and poor in soul.  
 Grant us wisdom, grant us courage,  
 lest we miss your kingdom's goal, lest we miss your kingdom's goal.

4 Set our feet on lofty places; gird our lives that they may be  
 armoured with all Christ-like graces in the fight for liberty.  
 Grant us wisdom, grant us courage,  
 lest we fail ourselves and thee, lest we fail ourselves and thee.

The Gospel

The Lord be with you.

**And also with you.**

The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Luke

**Glory to you, Lord Jesus Christ.**

Luke 12:13-21

12:13 Someone in the crowd said to him, "Teacher, tell my brother to divide the family inheritance with me."

12:14 But he said to him, "Friend, who set me to be a judge or arbitrator over you?"

12:15 And he said to them, "Take care! Be on your guard against all kinds of greed, for one's life does not consist in the abundance of possessions."

12:16 Then he told them a parable: "The land of a rich man produced abundantly.

12:17 And he thought to himself, 'What should I do, for I have no place to store my crops?'

12:18 Then he said, 'I will do this: I will pull down my barns and build larger ones, and there I will store all my grain and my goods.

12:19 And I will say to my soul, 'Soul, you have ample goods laid up for many years; relax, eat, drink, be merry.'

12:20 But God said to him, 'You fool! This very night your life is being demanded of you. And the things you have prepared, whose will they be?'

12:21 So it is with those who store up treasures for themselves but are not rich toward God."

The Gospel of Christ

**Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.**

Sermon by the Rev. Alison Westervelt

CCLI 7117726 Goodness of God

1 I love You Lord  
 Oh Your mercy never fails me  
 All my days  
 I've been held in Your hands  
 From the moment that I wake up  
 Until I lay my head  
 I will sing of the goodness of God

2 I love Your voice  
 You have led me through the fire  
 In darkest night  
 You are close like no other  
 I've known You as a father  
 I've known You as a friend  
 I have lived in the goodness of God

**Chorus**

***All my life You have been faithful  
 All my life You have been so so good  
 With every breath that I am able  
 I will sing of the goodness of God***

**Bridge**

Your goodness is running after  
 It's running after me  
 Your goodness is running after  
 It's running after me  
 With my life laid down  
 I'm surrendered now  
 I give You everything  
 Your goodness is running after  
 It's running after me

Affirmation of Faith (The Apostles' Creed)

**I believe in God, the Father almighty,  
 creator of heaven and earth.  
 I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord.  
 He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit  
 and born of the Virgin Mary.  
 He suffered under Pontius Pilate,  
 was crucified, died, and was buried.  
 He descended to the dead.  
 On the third day he rose again.  
 He ascended into heaven.  
 and is seated at the right hand of the Father.  
 He will come again  
 to judge the living and the dead.  
 I believe in the Holy Spirit,  
 the holy catholic Church,  
 the communion of saints,  
 the forgiveness of sins,  
 the resurrection of the body,  
 and the life everlasting. Amen.**

Prayers of the People compiled and led by the Rev. Alison Westervelt

Let us pray for the church, the world and all people, in all kinds of need, saying Lord in your mercy, hear our prayer

**Hear our prayer.**

We pray for your church:

Lord, shine your light upon your church and upon all people of faith that your love may shine in the darkness and that we be united in our endeavours for the common good.

- In the Anglican World-wide Communion for the Episcopal Church in the Philippines
- In the Anglican Church of Canada for the Diocese of Niagara and her Bishop, the Rt. Rev. Susan Bell.
- All lay people in parishes throughout the Diocese of Edmonton and all their various ministries.
- In the Buyé Diocese, the Kibonde Parish and her Rector, Alexis Nzoyisabar.
- For te people and community of the Paul First Nation.
- For our Diocese of Edmonton, her Bishop, Stephen, her clergy and all the congregations.
- For our own parish of St. Peter's, our ministry team of Arthur, Alison, and Nadine, our readers and intercessors, our Lay Readers, Emily and Jorge, our Wardens and Vestry, and all those who give so willingly and generously of their time, talents and treasures. Continue to guide us on our journey of faith. May we, in the ministries which are our lives, proclaim the good news as our faith shines forth. Lord, in your mercy,

**Hear our prayer.**

We pray for the world:

Lord, shine your light upon those who live in danger of violence, persecution, oppression, displacement, loss and injustice because of race, belief, gender or who they are. We pray for all leaders of the world, that they may be awakened to the love and compassion you offer to all. Lord, in your mercy,

**Hear our prayer.**

We pray for the vulnerable:

Lord, shine your light upon those who live in fear of natural disasters, famine, disease and destitution, and upon those who live without hope, faith or love, that they may know your true love and the joy of your salvation. Lord, in your mercy,

**Hear our prayer.**

We pray for those in need:

Lord, shine your light upon those who suffer in mind, body or spirit. We name those who have particularly requested our prayers:

Sandra..... Merle..... Mary..... Irene ..... Tony and Mary Jean..... Florence..... Lisa and Joe..... Marijke..... Diane..... Janelle..... Sandy..... Evelyn..... Sarah..... Terry..... Ken..... Monica..... Julie..... Lucas..... Helen..... Cody..... Judy..... Skariah..... Ruth..... Jody and Michael..... David L..... Kathy..... Joy..... Melody and her family..... Pauline and Richard.....Jorges and Janine..... Michael S..... Larry..... Christena..... Elsie..... We also pray for those we hold in our hearts, and those known to you alone.

Give them courage and hope in their troubles and bring them the joy of your redeeming love. We pray also for those who love and care for them, that they may feel your presence and receive comfort in the knowledge that you are always with them. Lord, in your mercy,

**Hear our prayer.**

We pray for those who have died:

Lord, shine your light upon those who mourn. We remember before God those who have completed their earthly journey. Help us to find comfort in the knowledge that Jesus Christ is the light of the world, a light which no darkness can quench. Lord in your mercy,

**Hear our prayer.**

We pray for Canada:

Creator God shine your light upon this nation we call home. You provide for your people with wisdom and love over all. Guide our repentance towards truth, listening, reconciliation, and healing, that we may live with integrity and justice in obedience with your will. Bless all your servants, and especially the leadership in this land, with courage and wisdom, that your people may walk together with hope and peace. Lord in your mercy,

**Hear our Prayer.**

Merciful Father, be with us as we leave this service and guide us in the coming week, that we are open to listening for your guiding voice and doing what you require of us. Now, we ask that you accept these prayers for the sake of your Son, our Saviour Jesus Christ. Amen.

Collect

Almighty God,  
your Son Jesus Christ fed the hungry  
with the bread of his life  
and the word of his kingdom.  
Renew your people with your heavenly grace,  
and in all our weakness  
sustain us by your true and living bread,  
who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit,  
one God, now and for ever.

**And now, as our Saviour Christ has taught us, we are bold to say,**

**Our Father, who art in heaven,  
hallowed be thy name,  
thy kingdom come,  
thy will be done,  
on earth as it is in heaven.  
Give us this day our daily bread.  
And forgive us our trespasses,  
as we forgive those who trespass against us.  
And lead us not into temptation,  
but deliver us from evil.  
For thine is the kingdom,  
the power, and the glory,  
for ever and ever. Amen.**

CP 484 In Christ There Is No East or West

1 In Christ there is no east or west,  
in Christ no south or north,  
but one great fellowship of love  
throughout the whole wide earth.

2 In Christ shall true hearts everywhere  
their high communion find,  
whose service is the golden cord  
close binding humankind.

3 Join hands, disciples of the faith,  
what e'er your race may be;  
who serves my God in truth and love  
is surely kin to me.

4 In Christ now meet both east and west,  
in Christ meet south and north;  
all faithful souls are joined in one  
throughout the whole wide earth.

## The Dismissal

Blessed are the poor in spirit, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven. Matthew 5:3

Let us bless the Lord

**Thanks be to God.**

May the God of peace enable us to do His will in every kind of goodness working in us what pleases Him, through Jesus Christ, to whom be the glory for ever and ever. Amen.

My dear friends, be swift to love, make haste to be kind,  
and go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**